GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Socio-Economic and Caste Census
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Socio-Economic and Caste Census, 2011 of the country indicating the social economic people of rural areas has been released by this Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of landless/poor identified in the rural by the census areas;

(c) the details of the criteria adopted for said Census;

(d) the states having poor performance in developing socio-economic and caste structure with particular reference to rural India, as per the said census; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional adequate funds for such States to tide over poverty and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)
(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement Referred to in Reply to LokSabha Starred Question No. 49 Due for Answer on 23rd July, 2015.

(a): With the objective to enable ranking of households based on their socio economic status, the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 has been undertaken by the respective State Government and Union Territory Administration, with the technical and financial support from the Government of India. The SECC-2011 has three inextricably entwined components: socio- economic census in rural areas under the Ministry of Rural Development, socio-economic census in urban areas under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Caste Census under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Home Affairs, Registrar General of India (RGI) and Census Commissioner of India.

In respect of SECC for rural areas, out of 640 districts 628 districts had placed their Draft List before respective Panchayat and Gram Sabha for inviting claims and objections. 99.7% of the 1.24 crore claims and objections so received have been resolved. Accordingly, provisional data and its findings of the rural survey have been placed in public domain (www. secc.gov.in) so that State/Union Territory Governments can objectively prepare list of families by ranking households, based on their socio economic status, for evidence based targeted intervention in rural development programs/ schemes.

(b) 5,37,01,383 households out of 17,91,64,579 rural households have reported as deprived and landless households.

(c) & (d): Ranking of households in rural areas in the SECC 2011 is based on three sets of criteria, viz., Automatic Exclusion Criteria, Automatic Inclusion Criteria and Deprivation Criteria. The criteria for ranking households and state wise percentage of rural households reporting deprivation under the seven deprivation criteria are given respectively at Annex-I and Annex-II.

(e): Ministry of Rural Development has decided to use SECC data and its resources for planning and implementation of rural development programs and schemes.

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